

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet is constituted by a sheet material in which a water vapor permeability on the basis of JIS Z-0208 method of test is 7000 g/m²/24h or more.

8. (currently amended): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein a length and width of the hydrophilic resin coating layer is greater than a length and width of the ~~information mark layer~~water content indicator coating layer, and wherein the ~~information mark layer~~water content indicator coating layer and the hydrophilic resin coating layer have a thickness of 1 µm to 20 µm.

9. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, further comprising an ink layer disposed between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer, wherein the ink layer is resistant to discoloration when exposed to water.

10. (previously presented): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer comprises an ultraviolet absorbent, ultraviolet scattering agent, light stabilizer, or antioxidant.

11. (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising, in integral formation, at least a liquid permeable top sheet, an absorbent, a water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, and a liquid impermeable back sheet in this order, the absorbent article further comprising:

a hydrophilic resin coating layer is provided on a first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and on the side of the absorbent of the between the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the absorbent; and

information mark layer is a water content indicator coating layer provided on the side of between the absorbent of the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the absorbent; and

wherein a permeability of the first portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet and the hydrophilic resin coating layer of a portion, which the hydrophilic resin coating layer is provided on the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet, is lower than a permeability of the a second portion of the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet of a portion, on which the hydrophilic resin coating layer is not provided on the water vapor permeable waterproof sheet.

12. (new): The absorbent article as set forth in claim 11, wherein the hydrophilic resin coating layer and the water content indicator coating layer are arranged as strata.